

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING OF: MAY 20, 2009

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR: BILL ARENT, ACTING

SUBJECT:

RESOLUTIONS:

RA-9-2009 - Discussion and possible action regarding a Resolution finding the project proposed by the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement by and between the City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency (RDA) and City of Las Vegas, Nevada, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada, for the projects concerning the Union Park Master Planned Development and the Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement (300 Stewart Avenue) to be in compliance with and in furtherance of the goals and objectives of the Redevelopment Plan and authorizing the execution of the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement by the RDA (\$15,000,000 plus accrued interest – RDA Special Revenue Fund) - Ward 5 (Barlow) [NOTE: This item is related to Council Item 83 (R-35-2009)]

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

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Augmentation Required

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Budget Funds Available

Amount: \$15,000,000 plus accrued interest

Funding Source: RDA Special Revenue Fund

Dept./Division: OBD/RDA

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Construction of the public improvements for the Museum of Law Enforcement and Organized Crime and also Union Park Master Planned Development will be funded with a portion of the proceeds from an Interfund Loan from the City of Las Vegas Sanitation Fund. These projects are within the boundaries of the Redevelopment Area. The RDA will reimburse the City a sum not-to-exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000), plus accrued interest from any Tax Increment Revenue, which it receives pursuant to paragraph 1(b) of subsection 1 of NRS 279.676 or out of any other available money to the RDA. This repayment shall be completed by no later than September 30, 2030. The reimbursement to the City shall be treated as a loan, advancement of money or indebtedness for the purposes of NRS 279.676 (1) (b).

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval, and authorization for the RDA to execute the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Resolution No. RA-9-2009
2. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement
3. Submitted at Meeting – Letter by Charleston Neighborhood Preservation

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Motion made by RICKI Y. BARLOW to Approve

Passed For: 4; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

RICKI Y. BARLOW, STEVE WOLFSON, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-LOIS TARKANIAN, STEVEN D. ROSS, DAVID W. STEINMAN)

Minutes:

BILL ARENT, Acting Operations Officer of the Redevelopment Agency (RDA), explained that this item would pledge tax increment funds from the RDA to repay the loan from the sewer fund. The proceeds from the loan had been used to fund construction of the infrastructure for Union Park and the Museum of Law Enforcement and Organized Crime. The item is in order and he recommended approval.

JUANITA CLARK, Charleston Neighborhood Preservation, read from a letter which she also submitted for the record. She stated that the purpose of this item was unclear and the use of the sewer fund was inappropriate. She questioned the authority of the RDA and requested that no action be taken.

CHAIRMAN GOODMAN noted this loan and its repayment had been thoroughly vetted by the Nevada Department of Taxation and MEMBER BARLOW requested clarification of the vetting process.

MR. ARENT stated that the RDA'S budget process mirrors the City's budget process and the Nevada Department of Taxation had issued approval of this loan with the RDA repaying the amount with interest. The funds had been used for construction of streets, curbs, gutters, underground infrastructure and museum improvements. He pointed out that this loan would have no impact on any resident's sewer bill.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ELIZABETH FRETWELL explained that the City has a ten-year Capital Improvement Program for the sewer fund. This loan will benefit the fund by allowing the fund to earn interest on monies it does not currently need.

In response to MEMBER BARLOW'S questions, MR. ARENT explained that the approval process for the loan was conducted internally at the Department of Taxation. This item is the public's opportunity to comment on the loan. He noted the loan had a ten-year term with a three percent interest rate.

MEMBER WOLFSON stressed the City's effort to make the actions of the RDA as transparent as possible. He noted that meetings are publicly noticed and the backup documentation is available online. He also encouraged the public to contact the Council with questions.

MEMBER BARLOW thanked MS. CLARK for her comments and participation, stating this item would further the redevelopment of the downtown area.